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## WAR IN SOURABAYA Big Fires Raging In Dutch Naval Base EVIDENCE OF ATROCITIES

BATAVIA, NOV. 12.  
BRITISH ATTACKS WERE RENEWED ON SOERABAYA LATE ON SUNDAY IN SUPPORT OF INDIAN TROOPS FIGHTING IN THE CENTRE OF THE GREAT NAVAL BASE AS PRESIDENT SOEKARNO PROCLAIMED "THAT THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS" OF CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN THE "VAST MASSACRE." THE BRITISH ASSERTED THAT THEIR BOMBERS HAD SCORED DIRECT HITS ON THE MAIN INDONESIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS AND THREE STAFF HEADQUARTERS.

The British Command said that the Indonesians seized Japanese tanks and fired thirty rounds against the Fifth Indian Division before being silenced by artillery.

The British forces reported that many were killed in "fanatical charges against British tanks" and that "many Indonesian bodies were removed on Saturday night."

The Soekarno Government published messages from an Islam Congress meeting in Jogjakarta calling for a "Moslem war against colonial subjugation." Associated Press.

### IT'S WAR

BATAVIA, Nov. 12.  
Big fires raging in Sourabaya, Java's naval base, barreled across streets and continuous Allied artillery fire, were described in the first eye-witness account of the British military action against the strongholds of the Indonesian Extremists, stated the Netherlands News Agency to-night.

"There is an atmosphere of war over Sourabaya, there is no question of this being merely some 'brush,'" said a British Army officer, Lieutenant Colonel Roy Oliver, who returned to Batavia from Sourabaya this afternoon.

"The streets themselves are deserted except for overt-timed cars and barricades."

"Major-General Mansergh leads the operations with grim determination. Evidence comes from Allied troops, who fell into Indonesian hands but afterwards escaped, that the Indonesians have committed atrocities especially against

## 183 BRITISH MISSING

BATAVIA, NOV. 12.  
DOCTOR SOEKARNO, THE INDONESIAN LEADER, HAS APPEALED TO THE WORLD TO JUDGE FOR ITSELF THE BRITISH BOMBING OF SOURABAYA. HE SAID THE BRITISH HAD BOMBED AND BOMBED THE CITY "MERCILESSLY" AND CLAIMED THAT "THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN."

His declaration was made in a statement which he issued after addressing 50,000 Indonesian youths at a mass demonstration in Jogjakarta.

"Hundreds of Chinese and Arabs," said the statement, "peace-loving people who came here as merchants and traders, have been killed and seriously wounded."

Declaring that two Indonesian quarters had been burned down he said: "I hereby draw the attention of the whole world

## Strike Wave In America

New York, Nov. 12.  
The New York radio to-day said that more than 275,000 workers are now on strike in the United States.

Further strikes were threatened in the electrical industry, whose 250,000 workers are claiming a two dollars a day wage increase.

A general strike in this industry would affect 76 plants in 22 States.

"Many steel workers are also on the verge of strikes as their employers have not agreed to their claims for a two dollar raise," the radio added.

"In Detroit negotiations are going on to avoid a strike of some 600,000 automobile workers," Reuter.

toward the vast massacre of men, women and children."

When asked by journalists for an elaboration of his estimate of the number killed by the British bombing and bombardment, Soekarno said that the exact number was not known but that his estimates were based on a telephone report from the Indonesian "liaison officer."

British-Indian troops, meanwhile, with artillery support, have advanced into the centre of Sourabaya.

Allied Headquarters has denied the reports of indiscriminate air attacks and said it had not received any report of using naval guns.

Dutch circles have reported that British-Indian troops are controlling two-thirds of the city.

There are increasing signs that the native Extremists will soon be driven out.

Soekarno said in his statement that he strongly protests against the use of bombers and heavy weapons against the city's population which is unable to defend itself properly against those weapons.

The British have listed that 183 officers and men are missing and who are presumed to be captives of the natives. The British charged that three executed Indian soldiers were bound to posts and severely beaten by the Indonesians.

It is not clear whether Indonesian youths are marching on Sourabaya from Jogjakarta. Associated Press.

## Extremist Demand

London, Nov. 12.  
Britain's extreme left-wing Independent Labour Party announced a resolution by its National Council demanding the immediate withdrawal of all European forces from Indo-China, Indonesia and all British forces from India, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya and Hong Kong.

The Party, which is numerically small, has no connection with the Attlee Labour Party. Associated Press.

## All-Star Cast In Congress

WASHINGTON, NOV. 12.  
THE LONG-HERALDED, POLITICALLY EXPLOSIVE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE PEAK HAIR-BOUR DISASTER OPENS THIS WEEK WITH AN ALL-STAR CAST OF WITNESSES.

Committee Chairman Senator Barkley, Kentucky Democrat, promised that heretofore unpublished confidential documents, including papers of the late President Roosevelt, will be produced.

The public inquiry is scheduled to start Thursday, with a tentative list of 48 witnesses. They include Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Gen. George C. Marshall and other high ranking military officers.

Barkley asserted all facts of the nation's most disastrous setback of arms would be laid before the public "no matter whom they may hurt in high or low places."

Associated Press.

## GERMAN TANKS

Many armed Indonesians are reported here to be taking to the hills to the south of Sourabaya under the cover of darkness, but day air reconnaissance failed to reveal any mass exodus.

In Batavia, the latest developments show one, a number of German tanks have arrived, causing considerable comment.

Two curfew has been instituted as from to-night from 22.00 hours to 04.30 hours.

Three barricades are to be erected at certain roads where all cars will be checked.

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It added that this announcement has caused surprise as Sharif is not considered an Extremist. He expects to complete his list "within two days."

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## Grim Laboratory For Allied Scientists

NAGASAKI, NOV. 12.  
AMERICAN-BRITISH COOPERATION IN ATOMIC RESEARCH IS EXEMPLIFIED IN THIS RUINED CITY—ONE OF THE WORLD'S TWO GREAT LABORATORIES ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ATOMIC BOMB'S EFFECTS.

SPECIALISTS OF THE TWO NATIONS ARE PROBING INTO A MYRIAD ANGLES RELATIVE TO THE TERRIFIC DEVASTATION. THEIR FINDINGS ARE SECRET. BUT THE GENERAL EFFECTS OF THE BOMB CANNOT BE A SECRET.

It is an area of indescribable desolation, more than a mile long and a mile wide.

In the area of devastation, there is an occasional twisted skeleton of steel as evidence of pre-atomic structures. The stench of death is still perceptible.

Nagasaki is beginning to dig itself out. The population now is about 200,000, which is two-thirds of normal.

American armed services are aiding in establishing hospital and sanitation systems.

STILL DYING

It has been disclosed that the atomic bomb-bearing plane originally was destined for Shimonoseki and Moji, but the weather led to a change in the target.

The Japanese report 30,000 to 40,000 were killed instantaneously.

A large number died in the following six weeks, mostly victims of gamma ray burns, which are byproducts of the atomic action. Three or four still die each week. Associated Press.

## JEROME KERN DEAD

NEW YORK, NOV. 12.  
JEROME KERN, the song-writer died to-day at the age of 60. He collapsed on Nov. 5, victim of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Kern composed the famous "Showboat" and many other of the nation's best loved songs. Associated Press.

## Accidental Exile Of An Absent-Minded Writer

ROMA, NOV. 12.  
IGNAZIO SILONE, ITALIAN ANTI-FASCIST WRITER—AUTHOR OF THE BEST-SELLERS "FONTAMARA," "BREAD AND WINE" AND "SCHOOL FOR DICTATORS"—HAS JUST RETURNED TO ITALY AFTER EXILE IN SWITZERLAND—SECOND IN HIS EXPERIENCE. HIS FIRST EXILE BEGAN IN 1924 AND LASTED FOR 20 YEARS. THE SECOND WAS HIS OWN FAULT.

## Politicians Pick The Wrong Word

BOMBAY, NOV. 12.  
POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN IN TROUBLE IN INDIA—FOR WHAT IS CONSIDERED THEIR LACK OF ARTISTIC APPRECIATION.

The author of "Passage to India" famous for 26 years for its interpretation of native psychology—Edward Morgan Forster, travelled from Britain to Jaipur, capital of Rajput, one of India's most progressive states, specially to attend a conference of the P.E.N. Club (for playwrights, poets, essayists, editors and novelists).

Forster retaliated by saying the real blame lay not with authors but with those who lust for power and money—and had a dig at politicians' incapacity of phrase and abuse of literary expression.

Classical horror among politicians' choice of clichés was the phrase of Stanley Baldwin, one-time British Premier, who lauded a wireless company with the words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" Reuter.

## NEW SEAC CHIEF

Kandy, Nov. 12.  
General Sir Miles Dempsey is very shortly relinquishing his post of General Officer Commanding in Malaya to take over the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Land Forces in South-East Asia from General Sir William Slim, who is going to take up an appointment in Europe, it is understood, to-day.

Lieutenant-General Messervy, Commander of the Fourth Infantry Corps, is succeeding General Dempsey. Reuter.

TOKYO, Nov. 12.  
The Kyodo News Agency to-day reported that several Japanese officials and army officers are leaving for India to testify at the trials of the leaders of the INA sponsored during the war under the leadership of the Japanese.

"It is not clear whether Indonesian youths are marching on Sourabaya from Jogjakarta." Associated Press.

## Set-Back To New Hope Of Peace In China

CHUNGKING, NOV. 12.  
THE GOVERNMENT TO-DAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHINESE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE CONVENED ON MAY 5, GIVING A SET-BACK TO NEW HOPE FOR PEACE.

THE MEETING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON NOVEMBER 12, WAS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY DURING THE COMMUNIST-NATIONALIST TALKS IN OCTOBER WHEN NEITHER SIDE COULD AGREE TO ITS MAKE-UP.

The Communists asked for delegates. Kuomintang counter-offered to keep the present delegates but expand the total number to include Communist delegates. The Communists did not accept.

The Assembly was supposed to introduce a constitutional government.

## RED CHARGES

The Communists to-day charged that Nationalist troops had inflicted over one hundred Red casualties during an attack on Communists held town on the Peiping-Mukden railroad; that Government troops had crossed the Yellow River and invaded South-Western Shanxi; that American-trained Nationalist secret service men are stirring trouble in Northern Honan and Southern Honan.

The "Sao Tang Pao" the Nationalist army newspaper which changes its name on Monday to "Ho Ping Pao," said that Major-General Claire L. Chennault would return to become air advisor to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Reports place a family feud squarely in the Manchurian political struggle because General Li's father, once a Communist leader, was captured and executed by the Young Marshal's father, the famous Manchurian war-lord, old Marshal Chang Thien-hsin.

U.S. FORCES

Nationalist Government quarters charged that the Communists are conducting a press campaign in order to force American public opinion into demands for the immediate withdrawal of the United States forces from China. They cited as an example the assertion in Saturday's "New China Daily News" that the United States had signed a contract to lend Chungking 64 million dollars for the purchase of American arms and ammunition.

The newspaper alleged that this clearly shows that even at the present critical time when China is threatened by a civil war, the United States Government is still eager to supply large quantities of arms and ammunition to the Kuomintang Party.

Mr. Attlee aims, it is understood, at dissolving what he considers the important measure of misapprehension and ignorance still existing in the minds of both the American people and their Congressmen, regarding the intentions and democratic character of his administration. Reuter.

Chungking, Nov. 12.  
Lieut.-Gen. Tu Li Ming, the new Central Government commander for Manchuria, to-day seconded U.S. Vice-Admiral Daniel Barbey's plea for peace in the northern territory as the only guarantee for protection of Chinese interests.

The General said the Communists had launched seven attacks against his forces "but we took no action because negotiations still were proceeding in Chungking."

He declared his forces would begin marching into Manchuria "very soon." Associated Press.

## Democratic League Holds China Limelight

CHUNGKING, NOV. 12.  
THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE, CHINA'S THIRD MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL PARTY, TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HALT THE CURRENT CIVIL STRIFE.

BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEAGUE, WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1941 WHEN SIX MINOR POLITICAL GROUPS, MOSTLY OF LIBERAL INTELLECTUALS, Banded together to become slowly but steadily a growing influence in China's politics.

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## OWNERSHIP OF HARBOUR CRAFT

All owners and managers of harbour launches and lighters, excluding junks and native craft, prior to 8th December, 1941 are to render return of the craft owned by them at that date together with particulars of their present location where known to the Divisional Sea Transport Officer, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon by the 17th November, 1945.

Captain W. J. MOORE, R. N. R.

## DIVISIONAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER.

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## PROCLAMATION NO. 6.

## MORATORIUM.

## ARTICLE 3 (2).

## AUTHORIZATION.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Article 3 of the above Proclamation, I hereby authorise as follows:

As from Monday, 12th November, 1945, note issuing banks may buy Sterling from and sell it to other banks.

O. G. S. FOLLOWES  
Finance Controller.

## NOTICE

All Chinese Soldiers who were serving in 1941 in British Army Units are required to report to the Jockey Club Stables, Happy Valley, by November 20, 1945, for embarkment in a Chinese Pioneer Unit.

All documentary evidence such as pay book, Japanese discharge certificate, copies of orders, letters, allowances books or cards, marriage or birth certificates and identity cards, should be produced at the time of reporting.

These documents are required in order to obtain information so that pay and allowance accounts may be checked and final adjustment made of balances due to individual.

All payments made by H.Q. No 4 R.A.P.W.I. Control Staff, third floor Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, to ex-Chinese soldiers in British Units will cease on November 20, 1945.

HEADQUARTERS,  
LAND FORCES,  
HONG KONG.BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.  
C.A.A. MEDICAL BRANCH

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the Central Health Office of the Medical Branch (C.A.A.) has been removed to General Post Office Building, 3rd floor, as from 12th November, 1945.

Telephone numbers of the undermentioned officers of the Health Section are now as follows:

A.D.H. (Lt.-Col. T.W. Ware) 39227

Lady M.O. (Dr. Mary King) 39318

Anti-epidemic M.O. (Dr. P.H. Teng) 39618

Supt. of Sanitary Services (Mr. L. Brewer) 39256

General Office 39354

J. P. FEHILY,  
Col.  
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GENERAL MEETING  
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Please send in your name and address together with the cover charge (H.K.\$10.) to:

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## NOTICE

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Col. (C.A.)

B. A. SAMSON.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

## A Chinese Answers

Sir,—Will you please insert the following as my answer to your correspondent "Democrat."

The miserable condition of some Chinese in Hong Kong and elsewhere in China as seen by foreigners is not the fault of any government, nor is it the fault of any patriots, Chinese or foreign.

It is common a practice among

the majority of Chinese proletariates who prefer laying aside little by little what they have

arduously earned to donning themselves in trim and neat garments which would have consumed all incomes. Many foreign observers,

even including those missionaries staying in China for decades,

have failed to perceive the inner changes of Chinese. Many

books have been published concerning the existence of millions of the wretched class in China both by foreign travellers and missionaries.

These gentlemen have caused a grave wrong impression of Chinese due to their lack of actual personal contact with Chinese. No foreigner can understand a Chinese perfectly unless he becomes one of them for many years. They have observed the Chinese common people by appearance, but have failed to realize that in appearance the majority of Chinese, especially among conservative, labouring or farming folk, take delight in wearing shabby clothes as if they were beggars. Many of the wretched found roaming about in the streets are simply professional beggars who find begging a lucrative occupation. Indeed with the arrivals of a huge number of men, let me quote a few illustrations. In Macao, on Victory celebration day I saw a professional beggar offering \$1,500 as an expression of his patriotic feeling about China. In Hangchow, during the season of Buddhist festivals, I saw thousands of wretched persons begging arms from all devout pilgrims on the road. In Hunan, when I dined with friends in a restaurant, I saw dozen of wretched persons assembling inside begging for food or money. In Shanghai I often saw many beggars following well-dressed women that visited the city temple for worship. Practically everywhere in China, especially in the leading cities, you will find wretched people roaming about. In every province of China there are a class of people who are fond of making money by begging. In Kiangsu province, most of the peasants in Yangchow will be seen begging arms in Shanghai or other leading cities as soon as they are free from farming. In Hongkong, most of the boat population will compel their old folk or youngsters to beg in the streets, although their young men and young women have derived good incomes from fishing or otherwise.

But the decent Chinese never like to live on charity. Only under circumstances which are beyond their control, will they seek their relatives for support. In rare cases do they appeal to their provincial guilds for financial help. Unless they are marooned in a strange land, there is no real beggar in China, and most of the wretched persons seen in the streets are either professional beggars or those undesirables such as habitual opium smokers or gamblers forsaken by their relatives. With free trade and free competition, and even with a small amount of mobile capital, a decent Chinese can establish himself at street pedlar or a small storekeeper. The world problem of unemployment will not in the least affect a resourceful Chinese as long as he is healthy and industrious. Nowadays the resourceful Chinese make a good living by selling things needed by the visiting tourists. In war days when Japanese monopolized all important trades and industries, they made living either as smugglers or commission agents for smugglers. In no man's land a short distance from the Japanese defences, there assembled daily thousands of buyers from Free China and thousands of commission agents carrying on their business in bamboo-built stores, which were in constant danger to be destroyed by the enemy, but these resourceful Chinese dealers, shabbily dressed as they were, never had suffered any important loss because they were always warned to make good their escape before the arrival of the enemy by their clever detectives disguised themselves in the roles of farmers. Many of these daring commission agents carrying on their business in bamboo-built stores, which were in constant danger to be destroyed by the enemy, but these resourceful Chinese dealers, shabbily dressed as they were, never had suffered any important loss because they were always warned to make good their escape before the arrival of the enemy by their clever detectives disguised themselves in the roles of farmers. Many of these daring commission agents carrying on their business in bamboo-built stores, which were in constant danger to be destroyed by the enemy, but these resourceful Chinese dealers, shabbily dressed as they were, never had suffered any important loss because they were always warned to make good their escape before the arrival of the enemy by their clever detectives disguised themselves in the roles of farmers.

The performance is being repeated this evening and again to tomorrow night at 7.30. No charge for admission is made, but a collection for the Orphanage Fund is taken.

## KINGS IN EXILE

So the secret is out. It was already known that several of London's royalties in exile had not faced the blitz, and it is now revealed that James II and his wax-work brother from Westminster Abbey took refuge, like so many Londoners, in the tube, while their father again quitted the capital, though not for Oxford. They were brave men in their lives, but could hardly be expected to face modern war. George III was the last to be persuaded to leave London — though he stayed quietly in his home when another enemy, also preparing the invasion of his kingdom, had occupied the Channel ports. George IV, giving substance to his belief that he fought at Waterloo, kept his stirrup-leas charger under control throughout the Battle of Britain; the marble Queen Victoria continued to survey the prosecutorial road which is her memorial; her gilded consort remained quietly under his canopy opposite the Hall which bears his name; and Edward VII still firmly sat his horse.

The evictees will be back in their places again soon, but will Londoners take much notice of their return? Charles I looking down his own White Hall has not lost his hold on their hearts, but it is doubtful whether his fellow sovereigns were much missed during their absence or will be noticeably greeted when they resume their pedestals. When President Wilson paid his visit to London after the last war, there might have been a dramatic moment when, seated beside King George V, he drove by the statue of King George III. There was no drama. As their carriage passed the statue, King and President were in lively conversation and neither appeared to have an eye for the bare-headed piece of bronze. Most Londoners copy their example and take the capital's statues for granted. Perhaps they would be more ready to give them their due both as work of art and as symbols of history if they were better placed. Particularly is this the case with the smaller-scale statues. James II, a piece of the highest quality, deserves a more distinguished pedestal and a site other than one which only a massive composition, like the Duke of York on his pedestal, could fill with effect. Sympathy with him over the failure to appreciate his needs would come from an unlikely quarter: for George Washington is in similar case. Peter Pan, more highly situated, can blow a derisive horn at both.

## A PUKKA SUCCESS

Cpl. Cliff Fowler's revue, "Pukka Gen," produced at the D.G.S. last evening in aid of the King's Park Orphanage, attracted quite a good house, which thoroughly enjoyed a lively programme. Five little maidens from school or at least from the Orphanage, brought down the house with their little musical interlude. The show includes a number of first-rate sketches and Cpl. Cliff Fowler's female impersonations are in a class by themselves.

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## EXCHANGE BUSINESS RESUMED

The Banks resumed exchange business for the first time yesterday morning, but only the fixed selling rates were quoted.

Quotations were:

T.T. London ..... 112.27/32

Shanghai ..... 62.56/8

India ..... 82.38/4

Australia ..... 116.12/

N.Y. London ..... 402%

N.Y. New York ..... 403%

Some business was done, mostly by people paying to remit money home.

SOVIET OBLIGES THE PRESS

Moscow, Nov. 12.—Soviet censorship of outgoing news dispatches appears to have been lifted, although there is no official announcement and correspondents are still submitting stories for the censors' stamp.

An Associated Press dispatch filed since November 7 have been passed without "discrepancies" and the censorship process on political commentaries, similar stories which often were previously held up several hours, days been expedited. Associated Press

and the rest of the world.

Mr. Democratic desires to know about the subject. I may have

time to discuss with him after business hours. Now I end

## Inspiration From Soldier's Tomb

WASHINGTON, NOV. 12.—LEADERS OF THREE GREAT NATIONS DREW INSPIRATION AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER FOR THEIR STRUGGLE TO FIND IN WAR'S MOST TERRIBLE ATOMIC WEAPON AN INSTRUMENT OF ENDURING PEACE.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND PRIME MINISTERS ATTLEE AND MACKENZIE KING HONOURED WITH BOWED HEADS THE MEN WHO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR AN IDEAL.

Immediately after the Armistice Day ceremonies, at the Arlington Cemetery, the three leaders went back to their deliberations aboard the yacht on Potomac River.

The Canadian leader laid a wreath on the Canadian monument to the Americans who lost their lives in the Canadian Army in the first world war.

Attlee placed a wreath at Field-

Marshal Sir John Dill's monum-

ent.

What the three discussed

aboard the Presidential yacht is left entirely to speculation.

London dispatches told of re-

ports that the United States

and Britain had already agreed

## Atom Bomb For Dog

New York, Nov. 12.  
Washington's War Department got a letter from a Californian who wanted "three small atom bombs" with which to destroy his neighbour's vicious dog.

The War Department wrote back to him: "Receipt of your letter is acknowledged. The bombs are for military use only and are not available to the general public."—Associated Press.

## H.K. RESIDENTS BACK IN "ARAWA"

The following Hong Kong residents returned to the Colony in the repatriation liner "Arawa" from Shanghai:

K. Abdoune, V. A. Baker, G. Baker, R. Baker, H. Baker, R. L. Baker, E. Beeching, A. Bragin, M. Ross, A. Efremoff, N. Efremoff, A. Frenkel, R. Frenkel, G. B. Gurevitch, L. Guruvitch, C. P. Kerton, D. Kilverstone, S. G. Koordumoff, H. L. Lee, R. Lee, C. Lee, Rev. P. Lappin, K. J. Martin, J. R. Martin, L. Morawski, N. Nesteroff, I. M. Nesteroff, G. M. Nesteroff, J. Rakusen, R. H. Rakusen, V. Stephanoff, A. Tomashoff, E. J. Whiting, E. Whiting, W. C. Sieh, F. A. Y. C. Siu, E. Coolio, M. Y. H. Di, L. L. K. Tahan, T. L. N. Tseng and Tsohoff.

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## Human Guinea-Pigs In Vitamin Deficiency Test

LONDON, NOV. 12.—HOW DEFICIENT IN VITAMINS IS THE HUMAN BODY AFTER SIX YEARS OF WAR? THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT 12 "HUMAN GUINEA-PIGS" IN BRISTOL HAS SET THEMSELVES TO SOLVE. THEY COMprise A TEAM OF 12 MEN AND WOMEN, AGED FROM 17 TO 40, WHO HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTING FOR WEEKS, INCLUDING ALL-NIGHT SESSIONS, TO DISCOVER THE EFFECTS AND CURSES OF DIET DEFICIENCY.

DR. VERNON S. CHARLEY, THE SCIENTIST, WHO DID IMPORTANT WORK FOR BRISTOL UNIVERSITY IN BLACK CURRENT JUICE AND ROSEHIPS RESEARCH, AND WHO IS NOW EMPLOYED BY A FIRM MANUFACTURING FRUIT JUICES, WAS THE CHIEF "GUINEA PIG."

"I have noticed that although young children were nearly all in 'A' health, a good many people, who were normally healthy, were despondent and suffering from eye weaknesses and blotchy skin," he said.

"So I forced my team to discover what the deficiency was, and whether a special vitamin diet could be evolved to cure it. Members of the team chose their own diets from the foods they liked best, but had to keep to them rigidly."

"The deficiency of 'C' vitamin takes some time to show up, and the experiments had to be carried out over a long period, with all-night sessions to keep up a continuous observation of the behaviour of the body. During those all-night sessions some of younger members danced to radio music."

"The team were periodically studded with vitamin 'C,' sometimes with 10 times the normal dose.

### FRUIT JUICES

"Then it was taken away and the effects watched. What happened was that as soon as the 'guinea-pig' was denied the vitamin he felt 'low' and found it impossible to do his day's work properly."

"Careful check was kept on the number of days it took to get back to normal, through being dosed with the vitamin. We found that the youngest suffered very little, but the further we went up the age scale the heavier were the effects. Consequently, I myself (aged 40) suffered most of all."

"Parallel experiments were carried out in a local hospital, but the results of these have not yet been received."

"The 'guinea-pigs' were a fair cross-section of the public, and our experiments proved conclusively that there is a marked deficiency of vitamin 'C' in the normal person's diet. The fact that children have not suffered shows that the Ministry of Food has done fine work by keeping them well supplied with fruit juices and other necessary extracts."

"The public need similar treatment. To keep healthy they should eat all the fruit and fresh vegetables they can get, and housewives should be careful not to waste vitamins in their cooking."

### SAIGON EXECUTION

Saigon, Nov. 12.—French officials have announced the execution on Nov. 8 of Ann Nguyen van Cuong for throwing a bomb into a crowd which was attempting to resume trade in the burned-out old market place.

It was the second announced execution for terrorist activities since Nov. 4.—Associated Press.

## Broke Into A Godown

A gang of six Chinese were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, with store-breaking at No. 162, Connaught Road West, and with stealing 41 coils of Manila rope, and 420 pds. of clothing from No. 1 Kowloon Godown on November 6.

Accused were Leung Lee, Ho Fai, Kwok Fuk, Chan Kwan, Ng Sun and Wong Wah. They were alleged to have operated under a leader, in breaking open a godown at West Point.

According to Inspector F. Nolan, the gang was rounded up by Chinese detectives, and 450 pds. of rope were recovered from No. 182, Des Voeux Road West, where accused sold them for 80 cents per catty.

First defendant, who was involved in the theft in Connaught Road West only, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour, the second and third were sentenced to three months' hard labour, and the rest to two months.

Three shop keepers, Wong Shing, Chan Hing and Lee Dick, charged with receiving stolen property, pleaded not guilty.

Their case was adjourned to Thursday, and bail of \$500 each was allowed.

## THE MIND OF A SPECULATOR

THE VAGARIES OF THE CHINESE SPECULATOR'S MIND ARE AS OFTEN TEAR-NOT BEYOND EXPLANATION.

News is to hand from Canton that the "now" Hong Kong dollar can be bought at money-changers in the City of Rams for C.N. \$100 and "old" Hong Kong dollar for C.N. \$65. The reference, presumably, is to pre-war and post-war rates.

Other exchange rates at Canton are C.N. \$1,200 for U.S.\$1, C.N. \$2,250 for £1 Sterling, and C.N. \$71,100 for one tael of gold. These rates were effective on Saturday.

There is no lack of sugar on the Canton market, quotations being C.N. \$1,100 per catty for Philippines (presumably old stock) refined sugar, and C.N. \$950 to \$820 per catty for Taiwan grades of refined sugar, and C.N. \$1,150 for old stock Java sugar.

PEANUT OIL

Peanut oil prices in Canton on the 10th instant were C.N. \$2,200 per kong of 28 catties for Lung Fa peanut oil, C.N. \$9,400 per kong for Sze Kiang peanut oil, and C.N. \$9,300 per kong for Tung Kiang peanut oil.

JAPS TO TRACE  
WAR GUILTY

TOKYO, Nov. 12.—Japan's Communist Party today announced that it is sponsoring a nationwide campaign to investigate Japanese war criminals beginning on December 8, the anniversary of Pearl Harbour.

In its first concrete platform, the Communist organisation, under released political leaders, proposed severe punishment for Japanese war criminals and official guilty of maladministration during the past militaristic decade.—Associated Press.

JAP. TROUBLE IN  
CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Co. has denied the request of a group of Placer County residents for the removal of eight Japanese-American section hands from Clipper Gap, California.

The company said that all the Japanese involved have been certified as loyal to the United States and would not be discharged.

The Placer County group telegraphed the Railroad Co. on Friday protesting against the return of the Japanese to the County.

The company yielded last week to protests from Shingle Springs, Eldorado County, and removed Japanese track owners there to "avoid any acute situation."—Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 12.—A tram strike in Shanghai ended yesterday when workers were granted a pay increase of about \$10 U.S. a month (\$40 Hong Kong at the official exchange rate).—Associated Press.

## 18 STEPS TO WHITEHALL BEFORE A BRICK IS LAID

LONDON, NOV. 12.—BEFORE A BRICK CAN BE LAID IN THE GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING PROGRAMME, THERE ARE "18 STEPS TO WHITEHALL" WHICH EVERY LOCAL COUNCIL HAS TO MAKE, ACCORDING TO L. G. FRANCIS, CLERK TO THE WAYLAND RURAL COUNCIL, NORFOLK.

Announcing that he is "fired" of attacks on local councils for the delay in putting up houses, Francis enumerates his 18 steps as follows:—

Consideration of site by the Parish Council; Selection of the site by the District Sites Committee; Approval by the District Sites Committee; Approval by the Housing Committee; Approach to the Town and Country Planning Committee; Submission for approval to the Ministry Town and Country Planning; Approach to the County Council and Ministry of Transport as to highways; Visit of the district valuer to assess the site;

Ministry of Health is asked to approve the purchase; Architect prepares layout; Health Ministry approves suggested layout; Architect prepares house plans and specifications; Tenant asked when he can give possession; Health Ministry approves housing plan; Council accepts tender, which goes to Health Ministry for approval; Contract drawn up.

And finally—if labour and materials are available—the builder starts work.

### NORMAL TIME-TABLE

Francis describes this as a "normal" time-table "which entails numerous interviews and much correspondence for every site."

Health Minister Aneurin Bevan has circularised local authorities asking them to state not later than Nov. 16 how many of the three specified concrete prefabricated houses they would like to build.

If prices are satisfactory and

there is sufficient demand from local authorities, the bulk of orders will be placed for these and for four types of steel-framed prefabs which have been undergoing tests. All these houses are of two storey construction of the three bedroom type.—Reuter.

A forest of white crosses contrasted with the green background. Each cross bears the red "Pegasus," the Airborne shoulder flash, and beneath each man's name is inscribed in black. That is to say, all those whose names are known, for many crosses bear the simple inscription: "Unknown."

All Arnhem and the village of Oosterbeek attended the ceremony, forming a black living frieze around the graves. As centrepiece were 300 men of the airborne Division with pilots and crews who took part in the landing.

While the service was being conducted by the Senior Chaplain to the Division, the Rev. A. W. H. Harlow, the most moving ceremony of all took place.

"CHILDREN'S FLOWERS" Led by nuns, priests and priests from the Dutch church, 1,500 small boys and girls lied silently among the graves, each child carrying a small offering of flowers.

In wooden sabots and coloured jerseys the children infiltrated behind the paratroopers.

At a signal from their leader each child laid the little bunches of gay flowers on each little mound until soon the cemetery blazed in colour as the sun broke through the clouds.

Dutch and British alike joined in singing "Abide With Me," in Dutch and English, the congregation sang aloud "The Lord's Prayer" followed by the lesson read by Major-General Ormsby-Gore, the Divisional Commandant.

Major J. W. Freeman, master of the pipers, produced the official log book, which showed that he filed the accused \$1 for each day.

Captain Strellett stated that it

## Ancient King On Wheels

LONDON, Nov. 12.—One of the first British buses built for export since 1939, is now awaiting shipment to Ceylon.

It has been built by a London firm, and carries on the side the name of the ancient King of Ceylon, Parakrama Bahu the Sixth. The bus is to run on Route 61 to Ratmalana and is the first of three double-deckers to be sent to Ceylon.—Reuter.

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## Frontier Trouble

**NEW YORK, NOV. 12.** ENVER HOXA, WHOSE REGIME NOW CONTROLS ALBANIA, MAY BE ABLE TO COUNT ON YUGOSLAV ELEMENTS WHO HAVE OFTEN EXPRESSED ANIMOSITY TOWARDS GREECE FOR SUPPORT IN OPPOSING GREEK DEMANDS FOR FRONTIER REVISION.

According to the Greek contention the Greek-Albanian frontier as it now exists is unfairly delineated, with the result that areas predominantly Greek, notably Chiamara, Argirokastri, Santiquarion and others, are held under foreign rule.

As yet there has been no official drawing of a revised frontier line but it is believed that this will be done so as to include northern Epirus extending to the natural dividing line of the Skumb River and Elbasan.

It is pointed out that this territory had been previously occupied by the Hellenic forces and was promised to Greece by international agreements.

It is also held that the present frontier is useless as has been proved from the military viewpoint.—Reuter.

## British Army Deployed For Battle Of Winter

**BERLIN, NOV. 12.** FIELD MARSHAL SIR BERNARD MONTGOMERY SAID TO-DAY THAT THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE BRITISH OCCUPATION ZONE AT PRESENT IS THE MOST CRITICAL OF ANY TIME SINCE THE ALLIED ENTRY INTO GERMANY.

HE DECLARED THAT THE BRITISH ARMY HAS BEEN DEPLOYED FOR THE BATTLE OF WINTER AND SAID THAT WHILE THE GERMAN PEOPLE ARE DOUBT AT THE PRESENT MOMENT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT ON THEM OF THE SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND FUEL UNDER RIGOROUS CONDITIONS OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN WINTER."

## Minorities Allegation

**New York, Nov. 12.** The Greek Government has issued a report alleging continued acts of violence against the Greek communities in Southern Albania.

The charges were supported by a mass of purported details of murder, abductions, arbitrary imprisonment, mass deportation and house-burning.

The alleged atrocities are placed upon the Albanian Nationalist Organisation, the Palli Kombe, and the opposing Left-wing Organisation, the Frante National Olimpietra.

Recently the Greek Government had requested the big powers to investigate the situation, which was described as appaling along the Albania-Greece border, but nothing came of it.

Meanwhile, apprehensions have been growing lest the United States and British Governments should recognise the present regime in Albania, as they have now announced that they intend to do, without previous consultation with Greece.—Reuter.

## DID NOT WIN THE WAR ALONE

**Washington, Nov. 12.** The Burma campaign was described as "one of the most difficult and original of the entire war" by General of the Army Henry Arnold, Chief of the United States Army Air Forces, in an official report today to the Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson.

"It was a campaign conducted over some of the world's most difficult terrain and in one of the world's most trying climates. The conquest of Burma brought to light some new concepts and tactics of warfare, particularly in the use of air power," General Arnold said.

He also stressed the valuable co-operation of the Royal Air Force in the European War. "We did not win the air war alone. We must never forget that the air war over Europe was a case of the closest co-operation with the Royal Air Force from the beginning to the end."—Reuter.

### MAKES HISTORY

**Durham, N. Carolina, Nov. 12.** Golfing history was made as amateur Frank Merdoka of Toledo, Ohio, won the Durham open tournament with a score of 277 to hand professional stars their second successive defeat within a week.—Associated Press.

SPACE SHIPS MOVING OUTSIDE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING ATOMIC BOMB ROCKETS ON THE ENEMY WILL "UNQUESTIONABLY BE BROUGHT INTO BEING WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE," GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD SAID TO-DAY.

HE SAID THAT SPACE SHIPS WILL BE THE COUNTER-WEAPON IN DEFENCE AGAINST 3,000 M.P.H. ROCKETS DELIVERING ATOMIC EXPLOSIVES.

In his summary of the air war and recommendation for the future prepared for the Secretary of War, General Arnold proposed that the United States continue the development of a type of stratosphere bombing until improved anti-aircraft defences make it impractical.

As an example, he cited Germany's V-2 projectile, against which there was virtually no defence as it soared into the stratosphere and then dropped vertically.

**SPACE SHIPS**

As a defensive measure, he suggested the possibility of space ships, capable of operating outside the earth's atmosphere.

For defensive action against any atomic bomb threat, General Arnold suggested these steps:

Make certain such bombs are not being produced anywhere in the world;

Devise every possible way to intercept them; Redesign the country for minimum vulnerability by dispersion of industry or by going underground.

### THE ALTERNATIVE

Arnold stressed that the next concept of military intelligence is "insufficient to cover the requirements of modern war" and said it would be "suicidally dangerous" to depend on reports of military attaches and routine information.

Commenting on the past national policy of a small peace-time military organisation, which he said had not kept the nation out of war nor deterred other nations, Arnold asked:

"whether it might not now be wise to try the alternative course of action in the hope it will bring what we seek—world peace and our own security."

Associated Press.

## GANDHI TO GO TO POONA

**London, Nov. 12.** It is now expected that Gandhi, Vallabhbhai and their disciples may temporarily move to Poona from the village in which they are at present staying. This has a sentimental significance for Gandhi.

The bombs of his wife, Kasturbai, and his secretary, Madhav Deshpande, who died while he was detained with the Mahatma during the war, lie in the grounds of the Aga Khan's palace.

Not that Gandhi thinks of joining them. He has frequently asserted that he hopes to live to be one hundred and twenty-five.

He is still extremely fit, mentally and physically, and takes regular walks. He has his daily oil massages and sticks faithfully to his goat's milk, fruit juices, honey and raw vegetables.

When Gandhi was young, he was extremely handsome. Fastidiousness has told on his appearance.

But what ask his followers, is that compared with the purification of the spirit?—Reuter.

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

**New York, Nov. 12.** The Army, Navy and Pennsylvanians have been rated one, two and three in the Eastern football picture, but Navy's unexpected crushing of Michigan has pointed up more than ever the colorful Army-Navy game December 1.

Leading games next Saturday will be Army against Pennsylvania, and Navy against Wisconsin, Indiana now tops the Big Ten, followed by Ohio State, Purdue and Michigan. Oklahoma Ageries won the Missouri valley title while Oklahoma leads the Big Six. Duke strengthened its hold on first place in the southern conference. Alabama is leading in the Southeast with Texas and the Texas Ageries tied for first in the Southwest conference.

Southern California regained the top ranking in the Pacific Coast conference but St. Mary's is regarded as the best team on the west coast, but is not in the conference. Colorado is ahead in the Rocky Mountain race.—Associated Press.

## More Extremists Enter Indonesia Cabinet

**BATAVIA, NOV. 12.** ALLIED HEADQUARTERS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT 5,600 INTERNEES HAVE BEEN RESCUED FROM A JAIL WHERE THEY HAD BEEN HELD BY INDONESIANS. THE BRITISH HAVE SEIZED THE SOURABAYA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WHICH IS INTACT, AND AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY MASS EVACUATION OF INDONESIANS.

Meanwhile, both the Indonesian and Dutch forces in Batavia have reported that a change is likely in the Cabinet of the unrecognised republic.

A native leader said that if a change is effected it will place more Extremists in the Cabinet. Dutch sources have predicted that the new native cabinet will include Sjahrir, who is the chairman of the working committee of the Indonesian National Council.

They described him as a moderate Nationalist with whom they could deal.

He was educated in Holland and held himself aloof from the Nationalist Party during the Japanese occupation.

Marshal Zhukov had never seen them before and he was most interested.—Reuter.

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## Another R.A.F. Dump Fired

**Saigon, Nov. 12.** Annamite nationalists yesterday infiltrated the line of British R.A.F. regiments and set the Saigon airfield's gasoline dump afire. About 40,000 gallons of fuel were destroyed. The field is located four miles from Saigon. Flights were not interrupted.

This was the second such incident in recent days.—Associated Press.

## Allies Stake Their Claims

**PARIS, NOV. 12.** INDIA IS ONE OF THE 17 UNITED NATIONS WHICH ARE NOW MEETING IN PARIS TO STAKE THEIR CLAIMS IN THE FIRST ALLIED REPARATIONS TALKS.

Other nations are Britain, the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Greece, Yugoslavia, Norway, Czechoslovakia, the British Dominions, Egypts and Denmark.

The Soviet Union, which will obtain her reparations from the eastern zone plus 25 per cent of western Germany's industrial equipment, is not attending and neither is Poland which is to receive her share through the Soviet Union.

The conference is expected to last about a month.

Each country taking part has already prepared a memorandum listing their claims of war damages and the conference's first talk will be to decide how much and what part of those claims can be upheld.

Conflicting claims will be settled by a body known as the inter-Allied reparations agency, with headquarters in Paris, which will be an executive organ of the present conference.

From this agency claims will be forwarded to the Four Power Reparations Commission in Berlin for final approval.

France has demanded reparations from Germany amounting to £615 for every French man, woman and child.—Reuter.

## Persian Swoop On Left Wing Organisations

**LONDON, NOV. 12.** THE PERSIAN GOVERNMENT, UNDER MARTIAL LAW, HAS BANNED ALL LEFT-WING PARTIES AND CLOSED DOWN THEIR NEWSPAPERS AND TEHRAN OFFICES, HAVING ALSO ARRESTED THEIR LEADERS, ACCORDING TO KHALIL MALEKI, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE PERSIAN LEFT-WING TUDKH PARTY.

MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S CONTROL COMMITTEE AND EDITOR OF THE PARTY'S NEWSPAPER, HE TOLD THIS TO THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW.

Maleki told Reuter he tried to give Bevin a true picture of the political situation in Persia because he found the average Britisher had little knowledge of it. He further asserted that the Tudkh Party leader, Kashifzad, was arrested despite his immunity as a Member of Parliament.

All trade unions in Teheran were dissolved and their buildings taken over by the Government and their funds confiscated, the Persian leader continued.

Mr. Bevin had replied that no outside factors would be allowed to interfere in the Persian internal political situation.

He—Bevin—was especially interested in the Persian trade unions and had sent an official to Persia to investigate conditions there, Maleki said.

### DONE NOTHING

The recent resignation of the mining members of the American financial mission in Persia, said Maleki, was because of general discontent with its work.

"The mission has done nothing for Persia," he said, and actually the situation had grown worse since the mission came and economic conditions had become chaotic.

Hence Persian public opinion, not confined to left-wing parties but including many right-wing elements, was against it.

The independent newspaper "Sotar" stated that the mission's leading Doctor Arthur Millington had brought with him many inefficient adyala and chose to collaborate with some of the worst elements of Persian officials.—Reuter.

### SAIGON REMEMBERS

**Saigon, Nov. 12.** Embattled Saigon, on the alert for Annamite snipers and saboteurs, turned from their own troubles temporarily to honour the World War No. 1 dead.

The entire European population gathered at the Cathedral for a memorial mass and later watched a colorful march of British and French forces.—Associated Press.

**AIR FORCE OFFICERS KICK**

**London, Nov. 12.** Four hundred Royal Australian and New Zealand air force officers and warrant officers have refused to sail to Australia aboard the ocean liner "Orion" because of "bleeding and overcrowding conditions."

An R.A.F. officer said that conditions were no worse than any other tranship.

## Challenge Which Cannot Be Ignored

**LONDON, NOV. 12.** "IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT NEITHER SIDE DESIRES CIVIL WAR BUT ITS AVOIDANCE DEPENDS UPON THE MEASURE OF COMPROMISE WHICH EACH WILL ACCEPT. AT FIRST SIGHT, AN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED IN THE CHUNGKING NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH MIGHT SEEM TO GIVE THE COMMUNISTS ALL THAT THEY CAN REASONABLY ASK," SAYS "THE TIMES" TO-DAY.

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